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SUBJECT: PROGRESS IN ORGANIZING SDA; FUTURE PROSPECTS OF SDA

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1. PROFESSOR NGUYEN NGOC HUY APRIL 21 TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE HAS SIGNED THE DOCUMENT FORMALIZING THEIR AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH THE SDA COMPOSED OF SEVEN ELEMENTS. HUY SAID THAT TRAN QUOC BUU NO LONGER INSISTED ON INCLUDING VU QUOC THONG' S BUDDHIST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FORCE AMONG THE FOUNDER- MEMBERS AND THAT THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF BRINGING IN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE BUDDHISM WOULD BE LEFT TO A LATER TIME.

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2. SDA MEMBERS HAD AGREED TO BEGIN WORKING IMMEDIATELY TO QUALIFY UNDER DECREE LAW 060 WITH THE HOPE THAT THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF CHAPTERS (28, INCLUDING SAIGON) COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SENATE ELECTIONS.

3. HUY SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE FUTURE OF THE SDA DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE ENERGY WITH WHICH ITS COMPONENT ELEMENTS WORK TO QUALIFY UNDER DECREE LAW 060 BUT ALSO ON THE FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK OF PRESIDENT THIEU TOWARD A MULTI- PARTY SYSTEM. HUY SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY FEELS THAT THIEU IS CONVINCED THAT PAK CHUNG HY' S APPROACH TO GOVERNING IS APPLICABLE TO VIET- NAM AND INTENDS TO FOLLOW IT. HUY IMPLIED THAT IN THIS SITUATION ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE SDA WOULD FIND IT AN UPHILL BATTLE TO MAINTAIN OR TO INCREASE POLITICAL INFLUENCE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE PNM AND OTHER ORGANIZERS OF THE SDA ARE PLEASED THAT BUU HAS CONCEDED IN HIS INITIAL DEMANDS FOR A LARGER ROLE IN THE SDA, THEY EXPECT THAT FURTHER DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY TO KEEP BUU AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES FROM TRYING TO CONTROL THE SDA' S ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS SELECTION OF A SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO WILL RUN THE SDA' S DAILY AFFAIRS; PNM LEADERS EXPECT THAT BUU WILL STUMP HARD FOR SEN. HUYNH VAN CAO FOR THIS POSITION IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE STRONG CONG NONG INFLUENCE IN THE ALLIANCE.

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